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Esfand 1386
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Summary Results of the Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran

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Groups	Percent change compared to:			
	previous month		similar month of the previous year	
General Index	3.0		22.5	
Major Groups :				
1- Food and Beverages	4.7		24.7	
2- Tobacco	4.2		23.9	
3- Clothing and Footwear	3.4		19.6	
4- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	1.8		26.9	
5- Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine- Household Maintenance	2.2		19.6	
6- Medical Care	1.4		19.9	
7- Transportation	3.5		18.4	
8- Communication	0.2		0.7	
9- Recreation and Culture	3.0		10.1	
10- Education	0.1		12.8	
11- Restaurants and Hotels	3.0		21.3	
12- Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.1		19.2	
Special Groups :				
1- Goods	3.8		21.2	
2- Services	2.0		24.1	
3- - Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	1.8		26.9	

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The Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) went up 3.0 percent in Esfand 1386. Showing the index point of 162.9, the **CPI** was 22.5 percent higher than the similar month in 1385.

During twelve months of 1386, the average of Consumer Price Index rose 18.4 percent, compared to the similar period in 1385.

During Esfand 1386, the food and beverages group index went up 4.7 percent, mainly due to the increase of the price for “poultry”, “rice”, “livestock meat”, “cucumber”, “orange”, “eggplant”, “zucchini”, “apple”, “candy and chocolate”, “tangerine” and “yoghurt” by 16.7 percent, 6.5 percent, 4.1 percent, 21.2 percent, 10.1 percent, 42.7 percent, 23.9 percent, 3.5 percent, 4.5 percent, 6.9 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively. In this group, the indices of “tomato”, “eggs” and “potato” declined 24.3 percent, 4.2 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively.

During Esfand 1386, the tobacco group index increased 4.2 percent.

The clothing and footwear group index rose 3.4 percent, mainly due to the increase of “ready to wear clothing” index by 4.3 percent. In this group, the index of “footwear” went up 2.1 percent.

The housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group index rose 1.8 percent, mostly because the “rental equivalence of owner occupied houses” and the “rent of residential houses” group indices each increased by 1.9 percent. In this month the index of “maintenance and repair services” went up 2.2 percent.

The furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance group index rose 2.2 percent. This advance was mainly due to the rise of the

“furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings” group index by 2.5 percent.

During Esfand 1386, the medical care group index went up 1.4 percent, largely as a result of the increase in the index for “medical, paramedical and dental services” by 1.2 percent.

The transportation group index rose 3.5 percent, principally attributed to the increase of the price for “automobile” and “transport services” by 4.7 percent and 3.1percent, respectively.

In this month the communication group index increased 0.2 percent.

The recreation and culture group index went up 3.0 percent, mainly due to the increase of the index for “package holiday” and “plants and flowers” by 7.7 percent and 15.3 percent, respectively.

The education group index went up 0.1 percent.

The restaurants and hotels group index rose 3.0 percent, principally due to the increase of “food away from home ” index by 2.8 percent.

The miscellaneous goods and services group index went up 2.1 percent.

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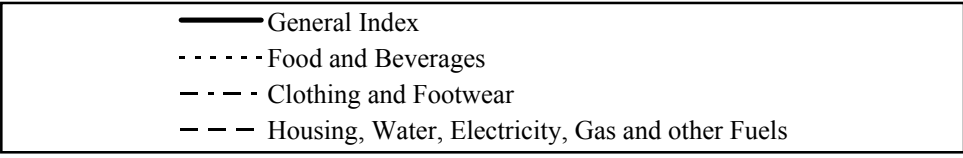
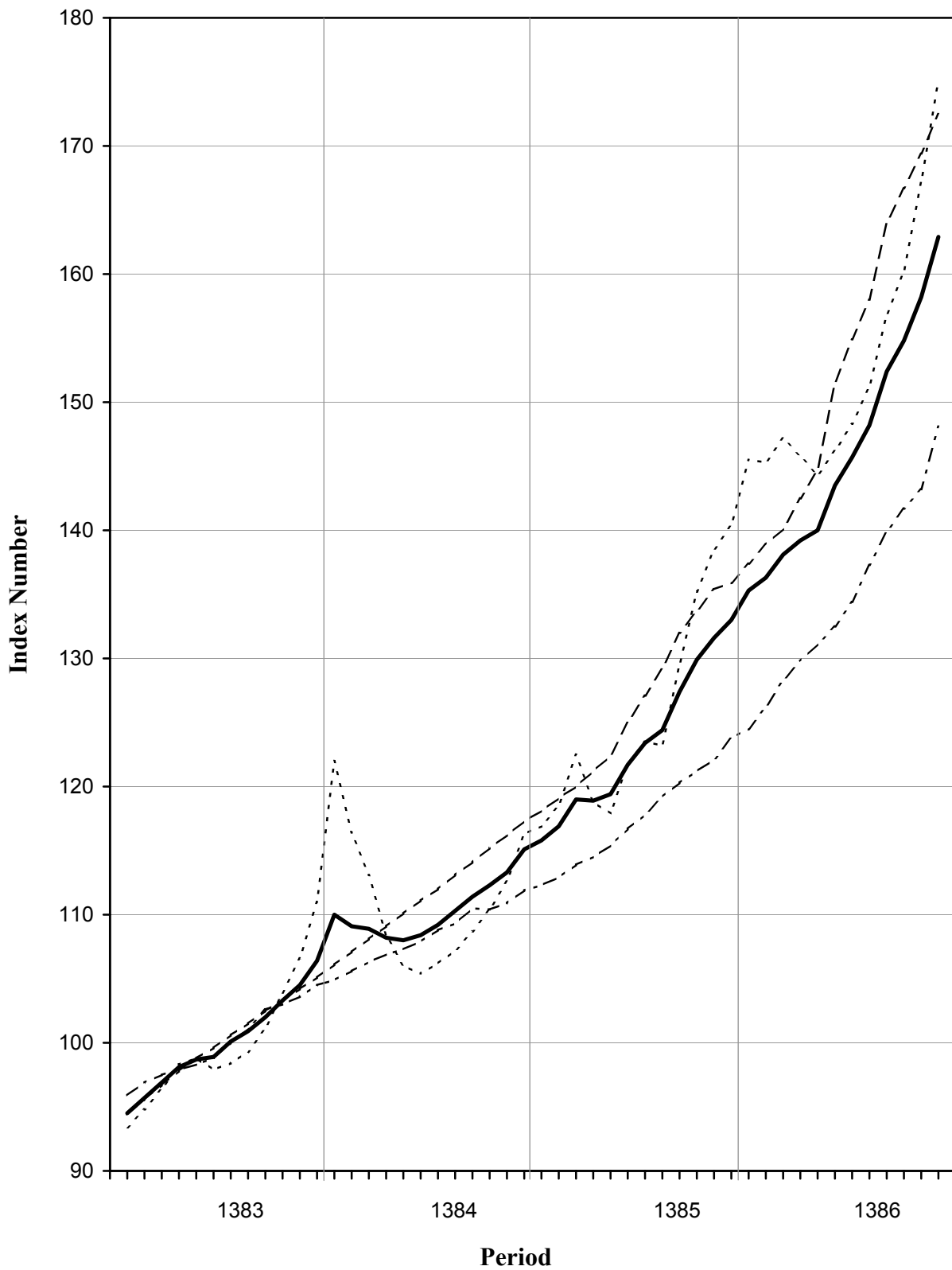


Table 1
Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran
 Index Numbers and Their Percent Changes
 Esfand 1386
 (1383=100)

Description	Base Year Weight	Index Number in Esfand 1386	Percent Change			
			Esfand 1386 compared to:		Esfand 1385 compared to:	
			previous month	similar month of the previous year	previous month	similar month of the previous year
General Index	100.00	162.9	3.0	22.5	1.1	15.6
Major Groups:						
1-Food and Beverages	28.49	175.1	4.7	24.7	1.4	20.7
Food	27.26	176.4	4.9	24.8	1.4	21.3
Bread and cereals	4.56	172.0	4.6	31.8	1.8	13.4
Meat	6.74	164.2	7.8	26.9	4.2	19.9
Fish and seafood	0.79	171.9	2.3	23.0	2.3	16.2
Dairy products and eggs	3.47	159.7	-0.1	24.9	0.5	19.4
Fats and oils	0.97	178.0	1.1	39.0	0.2	16.7
Fruit and nut	5.26	182.9	8.5	22.3	8.2	20.6
Vegetables, pulses and vegetable products	3.87	212.8	2.5	17.4	-8.8	39.6
Sugar, sugar lump, jam,honey,chocolate and confectionary	1.27	166.3	2.5	19.0	0.6	13.4
Salt, spices, sauces, condiments and food products	0.32	193.4	1.7	38.6	2.4	22.8
Beverages	1.23	144.0	0.8	22.8	0.6	5.3
2-Tobacco	0.52	155.4	4.2	23.9	2.4	16.2
3-Clothing and Footwear	6.22	148.1	3.4	19.6	1.4	10.6
4-Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	28.60	172.5	1.8	26.9	0.4	15.9
Rent of residential houses	5.80	173.7	1.9	27.1	0.1	16.4
Rental equivalence of owner occupied houses	19.17	173.5	1.9	26.4	0.4	16.5
Maintenance and repair services	1.82	208.0	2.2	37.9	1.1	19.9
Water	0.44	118.0	-0.9	12.5	1.5	3.5
Electricity, gas and other fuels	1.37	125.4	0.2	18.5	-0.7	2.3
5-Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine-Household Maintenance	6.26	157.9	2.2	19.6	1.1	14.4
6-Medical Care	5.54	166.4	1.4	19.9	0.8	14.5
7-Transportation	11.97	136.9	3.5	18.4	1.6	7.7
8-Communication	1.63	96.9	0.2	-0.7	0.1	0.2
9-Recreation and Culture	3.80	128.7	3.0	10.1	2.0	7.9
10-Education	2.07	175.0	0.1	12.8	0.1	17.4
11-Restaurants and Hotels	1.72	159.8	3.0	21.3	1.4	13.2
12-Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.18	161.3	2.1	19.2	1.0	17.1
Special Groups:						
1-Goods	57.13	156.5	3.8	21.2	1.3	15.1
2-Services	42.87	171.4	2.0	24.1	0.8	16.1
3-Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	28.60	172.5	1.8	26.9	0.4	15.9

Table 2
Consumer Price Index in Urban Areas in Iran
 General and Major Groups Index Numbers
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Description Period	General Index	Food and Beverages	Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Medical Care	Transportation	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
1369	6.8	6.1	9.2	13.0	6.0	13.0	3.2	7.6	9.2	15.6	3.8	5.1	9.8
1370	8.2	7.8	10.2	14.6	7.2	13.9	4.2	10.4	10.6	15.4	4.9	6.5	10.8
1371	10.2	10.1	10.1	16.1	9.1	15.5	6.5	12.8	11.5	15.4	7.0	8.7	12.4
1372	12.5	12.4	12.8	18.6	10.8	18.7	9.3	15.4	13.8	18.7	10.2	10.9	15.0
1373	16.9	16.9	19.3	25.8	13.0	26.8	13.1	22.1	22.3	29.5	14.4	14.1	19.4
1374	25.2	27.2	32.9	41.7	16.8	41.7	17.4	31.6	37.4	50.5	18.3	20.8	27.9
1375	31.0	31.3	31.9	56.1	22.7	49.2	23.4	36.6	47.5	62.7	23.4	27.4	37.8
1376	36.4	35.7	34.9	63.8	29.6	52.5	29.6	41.9	50.1	62.6	24.8	30.5	46.0
1377	43.0	44.4	45.4	67.1	35.7	56.1	36.2	48.0	58.1	65.7	27.4	38.3	51.0
1378	51.6	54.3	58.8	71.5	42.4	64.4	45.0	61.4	69.4	78.0	32.2	47.4	60.3
1379	58.2	59.3	58.9	77.7	50.3	71.8	54.4	66.6	74.8	81.2	41.0	55.9	67.9
1380	64.8	63.6	60.2	81.4	59.7	74.3	62.7	71.9	75.5	88.3	54.6	62.9	73.2
1381	75.0	75.7	81.1	84.7	71.4	78.5	72.9	79.3	81.2	89.8	67.6	73.6	78.9
1382	86.7	87.5	90.6	91.2	84.6	86.1	85.2	90.1	89.0	96.0	81.7	86.3	88.7
1383	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1384	110.4	111.1	105.7	108.4	111.6	111.8	115.7	104.6	98.1	106.0	118.7	111.7	111.0
1385	123.5	125.6	114.8	117.5	126.6	124.6	131.7	111.6	97.3	112.0	143.4	124.4	127.8
1386	146.2	152.8	140.7	134.8	153.4	144.6	154.1	126.7	97.1	121.2	163.5	145.6	148.7
1385:													
Esfand	133.0	140.4	125.4	123.8	135.9	132.0	138.8	115.6	97.6	116.9	155.1	131.7	135.3
1386:													
Farvardin	135.3	145.5	132.5	124.5	137.4	133.2	140.1	116.0	97.7	119.0	155.4	134.4	137.4
Ordibehesht	136.3	145.3	136.6	126.2	138.9	135.3	142.3	117.3	97.8	117.3	155.5	136.4	139.5
Khordad	138.1	147.2	137.4	128.3	140.1	136.8	145.6	121.2	97.8	116.6	155.2	138.1	141.9
Tir	139.2	145.8	138.0	129.8	142.5	138.1	148.5	124.2	97.6	117.2	155.3	140.8	143.9
Mordad	140.0	144.3	138.2	131.1	144.7	139.3	151.0	125.5	97.1	119.5	155.8	142.7	145.3
Shahrivar	143.5	146.2	139.2	132.5	151.5	144.6	154.2	127.3	96.8	120.1	156.9	143.8	146.9
Mehr	145.7	148.3	139.7	134.4	154.9	145.5	156.2	128.2	96.7	121.4	163.2	144.7	149.3
Aban	148.2	151.2	140.1	137.3	158.0	147.0	158.3	129.2	96.7	122.2	168.6	147.9	151.4
Azar	152.4	156.8	140.3	139.9	164.0	150.7	160.4	130.6	97.0	123.2	171.5	150.4	153.9
Dey	154.8	160.2	142.1	141.7	166.7	152.8	162.0	131.2	96.7	124.1	174.5	152.9	155.9
Bahman	158.2	167.2	149.2	143.2	169.4	154.5	164.1	132.3	96.7	125.0	174.8	155.1	158.0
Esfand	162.9	175.1	155.4	148.1	172.5	157.9	166.4	136.9	96.9	128.7	175.0	159.8	161.3